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Diagnostic Reagent )

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**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 22, 2003**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 22, 2003 ("the Office Action"), the applicants, through their representative, offer the following amendments and remarks.

It is believed that no fees are due in connection with this filing, however should that belief be in error, the Commissioner is generally authorized to debit any fees due from, or credit any fees owed to, Deposit Account No. 13-2490.